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VIA TELEFAX AND  
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

December 2, 1998

Jeffrey Leed, Project Coordinator  
NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group  
Leed Environmental, Inc.  
124 Deborah Drive  
Reading, PA 19610

Dear Mr. Leed:

This letter is written as further response to your October 19, 1998 letter to me. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby provides an authorization to proceed for the capping of the Taracorp pile, with ENTACT, Inc. as the supervising contractor for this portion of the work at the NL Industries/Taracorp Site in Granite City, Illinois (NL Site).

I have reviewed the amended residential yard cleanup work practices of ENTACT, Inc. in person on three separate occasions and found that the modifications that ENTACT, Inc. has implemented (as documented in letters dated November 12, 20, and 30, 1998 from Thad Slaughter to me) at the NL Site have reduced the restoration issue response times and increased the level of customer satisfaction to satisfactory levels.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience regarding a projected starting date for the capping work; EPA would like to announce this news in a public forum in the near future. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (312) 886-4742.

Sincerely,

Brad Bradley  
Remedial Project Manager

cc: Bob Rogers, Illinois EPA  
Thad Slaughter, ENTACT, Inc.

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